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PROJECT OUTLINE

558-CUAWU

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

CLASSIFICATION

HT REPAIR

Secret

EE/NA

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1. Reference

276-CSAVA

2. Objective

a. The primary objective of this project is to establish a safe area in central Austria in which to base Escape and Evasion operations. The staff of this network must be capable of locating, screening, holding indefinitely and "rat lining" out at least one hundred persons at any one time. It must be able to establish and maintain radio contact with a base outside Austria for wartime operations.

b. It is contemplated that if the above operation develops satisfactorily, it may be expanded to include other resistance activities.

3. Proposal

It is proposed to recruit two individuals who are suitably located and who are presently in control of the necessary physical facilities. The two men with all presently available biographical data have been described in 276-CSAVA. The project has been divided into four phases of which Phase I has been partially completed.

Phase I consists of a survey of central Austria to locate an area suitable for such operations. Following the area survey an attempt was made to locate, screen and evaluate a prospective chief agent. This part of Phase I has been completed and local records checks are in progress. Further assessment and checking will continue until Phase II has been approved.

Phase II will consist of the final recruitment of the chief agent and his principal assistant. This will be followed by a period of training and concurrent assessment. The chief agent will be instructed in the basic principles of E & E and will be directed to survey his area to locate facilities and spot personnel for later use. Local records will be checked and clearances requested on all personnel spotted.

In Phase III key assistants for the network will be recruited and trained, including at least two radio operators. Caching of equipment and mapping of air drop and pick up zones will be completed. Then depending on the situation in Austria practice exercises will be conducted on a staff level only.

Phase IV is the wartime operations phase during which the network will function in conjunction with the overall program for E & E in Europe. The commencement of one phase in the project will depend on successful completion of the preceeding phase as well as on approval of the Home Office.

The operation will be based in Bad Aussee, Land Steiermark and will comprise the entire Totes Gebirge area. This area wherein the prospective chief agent is the chief forester is a very rugged mountain area. The entire zone except for the lower foot hills is impassable to any type of

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vehicle, but is well covered by logging and hiking trails. The physical facilities consist of a variety of government and privately owned mountain huts, garages, and equipment sheds. The chief forester has at his disposal transport facilities including horses, mules, wagons, trucks, cars, etc. He has operational as well as administrative control over all of the forestry and jaeger personnel in the area. These consist of twenty-five jaegers, engineers, foresters, etc., and fifty laborers.

(A) It is contemplated that for future caching and equipping, this project will require one complete 100 man TO & E unit of equipment. It is planned further to cache 3,000 field rations, assorted medical supplies and a variety of winter shoes and clothing. At least two W/T sets capable of long range operations will be cached for each radio operator who can be trained.

4. Risks

a. The risks involved in this operation appear to be two. First, it will be difficult if not impossible to conceal from the chief agent that the U.S. Government is supporting the project. As soon as U.S. equipment is turned over to him he will assume official U.S. support. In this connection, however, it is felt here that only with belief in solid U.S. or at least Western backing will capable persons be willing to work for this program. Secondly, the case officer, [redacted] is already known in true name to the prospective chief agent. Should he either refuse to cooperate or be blown the case officer would be compromised to the extent that it would be known that the [redacted] is concerned with operations of this type.

b. [redacted]

5. Current Status

Current status of this project is as described in 276-CSAVA. Local name checks of the two prospective agents have been completed in G-2 USFA and CIC Salzburg and Linz with no trace of either man. [redacted] has made a second exploratory visit for two days in which he has completed a further assessment of both men and filled in further biographical information. The entire area has been surveyed both on foot and by an explained map survey. He has prepared the ground for one more visit this fall using as cover a desire to photograph a chamois from close range.

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PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA

Project Cryptonym HT REPAIR Fiscal Period Covered 1 November 1951
through 30 June 1952

Case Officer

A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

| <u>Type</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Estimated Total Compensation</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Staff Employees | 1 | |
| b. Agents | 8 | \$1,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$1,000.00 |

B. SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND SPECIAL SERVICES

| <u>Item</u> | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| a. 1 unit 100 man TO/E | \$5,000.00 | |
| b. 3,000 field rations @ \$1.05 | 3,150.00 | |
| c. 25 sets winter clothing @ \$50.00 | 1,250.00 | |
| d. 4 W/T sets RS-1 | * | |
| Total estimated cost | | \$9,400.00 |

* No estimate available

C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

| <u>Expense</u> | <u>Cost</u> | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| a. Good will gifts for agents | \$500.00 | |
| Total estimated cost | | \$500.00 |

D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS

None

E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

None

F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

G. Funds Required for Use in the Field \$10,900.00

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9 October 1951

SUBJECT: Operational Contacts

TO: []

1. On 3 October 1951 [] traveled to Identity A in the company of Identity B (Det 35) to make contact with the two individuals listed below

Identity C

Identity D

2. The purpose of this contact was to turn over to [] two close personal friends who appear to have excellent possibilities for either QKHOODOO, TPHYENA, or TPTANDEM. Identity D controls the state forests of the entire Identity E area. Identity D and Identity C have been known since 1945 by Identity B who has spent several weeks in close contact with them both during the past six years. Identity B's evaluation of both men is excellent. Both are reported to be solid pro-HTCURIO, anti-BGGYPSY HTMUSCLE government employees.

3. The meeting consisted of a social session with Identity D's family and Identity C present. [] was able to make a limited evaluation of both men and was well pleased with them. They control a very large and rugged mountain area with many hunting and logging huts. In addition they have been in the area in the same type of jobs for at least 30 years and know well the reliable people in the area. During the general conversation, Identity D mentioned his dislike for being checked by the ZRBLISSES on the zonal border. He also added that the ZRBLISSES had stolen his car at the end of the war.

4. The meeting closed with many fond good-byes for Identity B who is on his way to the HTCURIO. As a parting gift he gave each of the men a new Cal .22 target rifle. Arrangements were made for [] to return in the near future and assume Identity B's place in their good graces.

5. KMCOCKY records have been checked for Identity D and Identity C with negative results. A BGHABIT check is in progress at this time.

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Attachment #3 to 558-CVAWU

Identities

- A. Bad Aussee
- B. []
- C. Stanislaus Hillbrand
- D. Josef Pockberger, Ing
- E. Totes Gebirge